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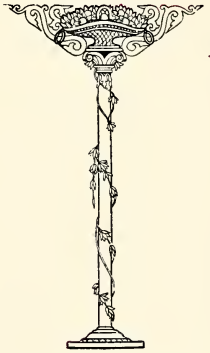
# Centennial & Home Coming Celebration

## AUGUST 9, 1911



*"Mid pleasure and palaces—*
*Tho' we may roam—*
*Be it ever so humble*
*There is no place like home."*

M. D. Higley

E. A. Clark

H. J. Alford

Frank Birchard-Jagger

F. S. Higley

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Last of Ye Olden Days

# *INTRODUCTORY*

To outline the history of a Township as full of splendid materials as is this one of Windham requires much time and study and while this little volume may be incomplete in many ways it is hoped that much may be found herein that will delight and interest the reader.

The chairman is indebted to many for valuable help and thanks them. Especially are we grateful for the splendid Township history by Mr. E. P. Clark.

Sincerely,

MRS. HERBERT ALFORD

Windham, August 9, 1911

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Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Poore

Fac-Simile of Original Map Granted by Gov. Caleb Strong to the Original Owners of Township.

# PROGRAM

## MORNING

Selection by the Western Reserve Band—Loyal and True ..... Rosenkrans
Hymn—Old Hundred
Scripture Lesson ..... Rev. A. C. Willey, Pastor M. E. Church
Prayer ..... Rev. H. A. Stick, Pastor Congregational Church
Address of Welcome ..... S. L. Bryant
Response to Address of Welcome ..... F. L. Barber, Pittsburg, Pa.
Male Quartette—F. B. Jagger S. I. Cutts Austin Spohlinger C. W. Birchard
F. A. Jagger W. E. Dobbs Edw. Winklepleck Frank Gamber
Historical Address ..... E. P. Clark
Hymn—America
Centennial Poem ..... Mrs. Lucretia Snow Norton
Benediction

## AFTERNOON

Concert by the Western Reserve Band of Windham, Ohio.

Little Giant ..... Moon
Crown of Victory ..... Ripley
Selection From Martha ..... Arranged by St. Clair
Midland Overtue ..... Southwell
Our Director ..... Bigelow
Bohemian Girl ..... Balfe
Q. S. Goodbye My Lover Goodbye ..... Southwell
Overture—Sweet Brier ..... Laurendeau
Waltz from Il Trovatore ..... Verdi
Q. S. Inter-Ocean ..... Southwell

## EVENING

Hymn—The Lord's My Shepherd
Solo—Selected ..... L. V. Snow
Centennial Chorus—Flow Gently Sweet Afton
Duett—Hope Beyond ..... F. B. Jagger J. A. Jagger
Reading—Selected ..... Miss Mildred Higley
Centennial Chorus—Merry Goes the Mill ..... McFarren
Solo—Selected ..... Ida M. Freighly
Trio—O Memory
Centennial Chorus—Bells of St. Mary ..... Rodney
Reading—Selected ..... Miss Mildred Higley
Solo—Selected ..... N. L. Glover
Centennial Chorus—The Heavens Are Telling ..... Hayden
Speeches ..... By Former Residents
Old Time Quartette—Auld Lang Syne
Centennial Chorus—Hallelujah Chorus ..... Hayden
Hymn—God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Centennial Chorus

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# Historical Sketch of Windham Township

Friends and Neighbors.—

On this centennial day of the settlement of Windham it is proper to state a few facts concerning the origin and the early days of this child of New England, settled and christened by those brave and devout men and women of Becket, Massachusetts, in 1811.

In the year 1810 sixteen persons of Berkshire County organized themselves into what was called The Berkshire Company, for the purpose of securing for themselves homes in New Connecticut. After a careful examination they, on the tenth day of November, 1810, became owners by purchase from Caleb Strong and others of township number 4, in the 6th range of townships in the

SUNNYSIDE
The residence of Mrs. Ashley L. Taft.

This house was erected in 1816, by Nathan Birchard and was the first frame house in Windham. The house at the present time belongs to the great, great grandsons of Nathan Birchard. Alton King and Francis Ashley Taft, sons of the late Ashley L. Taft.

Western Reserve. It was estimated to contain 14,845 acres, for which they paid $1.76 per acre.

On the second day of May before leaving Becket they organized themselves into a Congregational church of 11 members, and on their arrival in their new homes commenced at once to live and teach those principles of truth and righteousness that stand for the betterment of mankind.

In the list of original purchasers are the names of Messenger, Seely, Lyman, Jagger, Perkins, Clark, Alford, Streator, Higley, Conant, Birchard, Kingsley and Bush, names familiar and almost sacred to all. Many here today can trace their relationship back to one or more of these early pioneers.

The first house in the township was built about March 16, 1811, on Lot 84, by Elijah and Oliver Alford, a short distance to the rear of the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Alford.

In the year 1813 the personal property in the township on which taxes were assessed consisted of eight horses and forty-five cattle. This same year Jacob Earl and Benjamin Yale raised the first frame building, a saw mill, one and one-half miles west and one-half mile south of the center.

On the 16th day of April, 1814, Nathan Birchard raised the first frame barn. This barn is still standing and is a part of the large and commodious barn owned by Mrs. Nettie Taft. About two years later Mr. Birchard built the dwelling house. This house somewhat enlarged is the pleasant cottage home of Mrs. Taft and family.

In June 1817 Isaac Clark opened the first store in his log house on the State Road 40 rods westward of the place his great grandson, Edward A. Clark, now resides. Previous to this the nearest stores were in Warren and Ravenna and the roads were blazed trees.

In 1818 a post office was established and Dillingham Clark was appointed postmaster; the office was kept in his home on the State Road, where E. A. Clark now lives. In 1820 the first blacksmith shop was opened near the spot the Isler home now stands.

Erie Station, Mahoning

How these early pioneers cleared the forest away, built homes, laid out roads, built churches and school houses, and of their varied industries, the inquirer is referred to the semi-centennial report of the settlement of Windham.

Windham in 1861 was one of the highly favored townships of the historic Western Reserve, a community of happy and intelligent homes, an industrious and patriotic people, numbering 813 souls, with 179 homes. School houses dotted here and there at convenient intervals throughout the township, the academy and churches on the village green, all retaining to a great degree the New England type. Many of the homes of this peace-loving community were painted white, green blinds at the windows, the front yard surrounded by the proverbial white fence and a lane leading from the street to the back yard.

The Cleveland and Mahoning Railroad, now a part of the great Erie system, established a station in the north part of town. The Scott and Stewart store at the center, with E. B. Higley's store of general merchandise on the opposite corner, and all the other industries that go for the convenience and betterment of a thriving town located near. This was Windham fifty years ago. All seemed prosperous but for the spirit of war that was brooding over the land, a cloud much larger than a man's hand was plainly seen in the horizon, and when that

fatal shot was fired on Fort Sumpter April 12, 1861, a thrill of sorrow pierced every loyal heart in the entire north while the whole nation was plunged into a civil war that was to drag itself through four long, cruel years. President Lincoln immediately called for troops and ten Windham boys volunteered and were soon on their way to the front. Other calls were quickly responded to. The boys at school put away their books, never to be seen there again. The young man left the plow standing in the furrow, never to come back. The father said good-bye to his family, never to see them again. Enlistments reached the high tide in '64, when almost the entire male population of the township capable of bearing arms were engaged in the struggle. One hundred and seventeen enlistments out of a population of 813.

At home the older men and women carried forward with intense energy the problem of civil life. In addition to this the ladies prepared sanitary foods, made rolls of bandages, scraped boxes of lint and sent them forward to the hospitals at the front. No soldiers had more abundant and helpful support given them by the loyal ones than did the Windham boys, support that gave them courage and strength to meet the enemy at Stone River, Shiloh, Knoxville, Cumberland Gap, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, and in other hotly contested battlefields, both in the east and west.

The longest day has an end. The long, dreary night of horror gives place to the bright sunlight of the morning. So it was on the ninth of April, 1865, Lee was forced to surrender and his whole army laid down their arms. Johnson's army of 30,000 men, which was opposing Sherman in North Carolina, surrendered on the 26th of April, and soon the remaining forces followed their example. The war was at an end. The boys in blue came home to take up civic life as best they could.

In 1866 the citizens erected a soldiers' monument dedicated to the "Defenders of Liberty," at a cost of nearly two thousand dollars. It is twenty feet high, two sand stone and one marble base, two inscription blocks and a shaft surmounted by an eagle perched on two pieces of ordinance. It is wrought from the finest Italian marble, and the names of the Windham boys who laid down their lives in defense of their country are inscribed thereon.

In 1863 the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad was completed. This road now forms the main line of the great Erie system and with the Mahoning Division on the north keeps the people in close touch with the outside world and the many large cities adjacent, thus giving a good market for all kinds of produce. In busy times these roads carry an immense tonnage of freight and the full share of the passenger traffic. The passing of 65 or 70 trains daily on each division is no unusual occurrence. M. G. Donaldson is our veteran railroad man, having been employed continuously on the Mahoning Division for more than forty years.

The town hall was built in '68 on the spot the old academy once occupied. A score of years later it was remodeled and now serves as town hall and opera house.

In 1881 a special school district was formed, taking the center as a nucleus and soon a large and commodious public school building was erected on the school grounds. No schools are better supplied with school fixtures, charts, maps, globes and those things which make for good about a well conducted school. It has a large, useful library of over 600 volumes of firstclass works. The building is well equipped with fire escapes. The schools are divided into three departments, primary, grammar and high school; at present all pupils of the township assemble here. Those from the outside are brought in large school vans. Teachers for 1910-11, C. A. Helm, superintendent; Anna E. Gibson, principal; Z. W. White, A. grammar; Treasure Hart, B. grammar; Mae Wolfe, primary; F. B. Jagger, instructor in music. More than one hundred graduates have gone from this school and we believe them well qualified to meet the problems and battles of life.

The Western Reserve Band of about twenty members, dates back in history to 1876. Although but one member, Mr. M. D. Higley has played continuously, the organization has been kept well up to date and has had an enjoyable reputation abroad as well as at home, where they have given aid and support on all festal occasions, adding greatly to the enjoyment of a music loving community. F. B. Jagger, who stands next to Higley in point of time, is leader and a bright future is predicted.

In 1884, the membership and friends of the Methodist Episcopal church moved back their old church building and erected in its place under the leadership of Rev. Henry Jackson, a beautiful and complete, modern structure for their place of worship. On the first floor a semi-circle of convenient Sunday school rooms, chapel, parlor, library and kitchen; second floor, a large, well-seated audience room, platform and gallery. This building is a credit to the town, and probably not surpassed in any rural community on the Western Reserve. Rev. A. C. Willey is the present pastor. A welcome is extended to all who enter its doors.

Town Hall

In the following year, '85, the Congregational edifice under the guidance of Rev. T. R. Jones was thoroughly remodeled within and without, an addition for Sunday school room, chapel and vestibules was built and connected with the audience room by folding doors. This room, newly furnished, well lighted and being on the first floor is easy of access. A welcome is given to all, both in church and Sunday school service. The people are ready to join hands with its sister church in ways for the betterment of humanity. Rev. H. A. Stick is the present pastor.

The pretty village of Windham, with its 300 inhabitants, two churches, graded public school, three stores, one hotel, with its other varied industries, was incorporated in 1893. F. O. Snow was the first mayor. C. M. Hunt now holds that honored position. A good sewerage system is near completion, more than two miles of fine cement sidewalk laid down, streets and public buildings lighted by electricity as are many of the dwellings. This with the telephone privileges, railroad connections, makes this village a place where life is worth the living.

The cemetery, three-quarters mile north, located on a sandy elevation, is well fenced and protected on the westward side by a stalwart row of well kept evergreens. The ground is covered by a heavy greensward kept closely cut.

In summer there is a wonderful bloom of flowers in evidence, this with the massive blocks of granite and the finest Italian marble gives it the appropriate name of "the beautiful white city" of our dead.

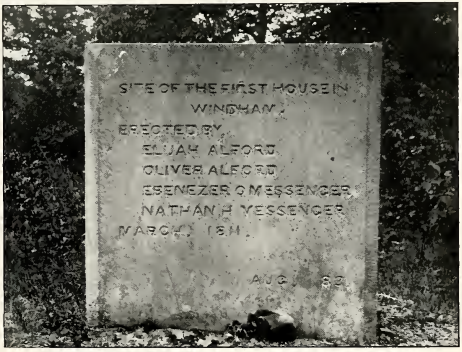
A great change has been wrought in the system of agriculture within the last few decades, and in no department of rural industry has the change been more clearly defined than in the manufacture of maple syrup and sugar, both in quality and quantity. As a cash product this industry has forged to the front till now it stands second only to the dairy interest.

How to conserve and how to increase the fertility of the soil are problems that have been carefully considered. The old open barns have given place to the warm, well lighted, commodious and sanitary barn, where live stock are made comfortable and able to produce a profit during the winter months. The silo to store the large corn crop, the centrifugal cream separator have come to the aid of the farming community and as one of the results, the dairyman is doing business the year around. Large quantities of good milk and cream are shipped to the nearby cities, and many of these farm plants send out under the farm name, one, two or three special cash products, to a market where they are wanted, thus securing a fair profit.

The rural delivery of daily mail, and the telephone which is now installed in nearly every farm home adds greatly to the convenience and enjoyment of the farm people.

One hundred years has done much for this community. From the standpoint of educational, agricultural, and industrial interest Windham stands and deservedly so, at the front of Western Reserve towns, and her opportunities for the future are no less, but greater than fifty years ago, for the reason that there is no teacher like experience. There is no better proof of what can be done than to judge the future by the past. It was Patrick Henry who said, "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past." So this community, rich in a past, rich in experience, will step forward into the new century with assurance guided by the lamp of experience, and the star of hope, a brighter, more satisfying, and a more useful future awaits them.

E. P. Clark.




Monument Erected on Site of First House Built in Township

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The First Congregational Church of Windham, O., was organized in Becket, Mass., May 2nd, 1811, and was composed of 11 members who were dismissed from the church of Becket with the purpose of founding a church in their new home. On the 28th of July they met 42 in number at the house of Alpheus Streator. During the first year religious services were held there.

In the winter of '12 and '13 a log school house was built at the corners near Mahoning station where public worship was held for a year. By some the feeling became strong that the services should be held at Center; after some discussion it was arranged that for three years the services on two Sabbaths should be at Deacon Alford's and one at the North school house.

In the spring of 1817 a log building 26 by 30 feet was erected at the center for a place of public worship and was used for this purpose for 12 years. In January 1827 steps were taken to build a house of worship on the site of the present one and was completed in 1829 at a cost of $2,469.15. In 1850 it was remodeled inside and painted at an expense of $800. In 1860 it was painted.

First Congregational Church

papered and other repairs for $350. February 12, 1852, an organ costing $500 was presented to the church by Benjamin Higley, Dillingham Clark, Warren W. Hinman and Daniel Jagger, Esq. For the first 50 years $16,400 was paid to those who preached the gospel and for the church buildings and repairs, $4,200, a total of $20,600.

In 1885 the church building was almost entirely built new, an addition built on the east end, now used for the lecture room, new pews, bell, carpet and lamps purchased, the whole expense being $5,600. In 1879 a parsonage was built costing $1,500, a barn has also been erected. In November 1891, during a severe wind, the steeple was blown down. To repair the damage, cost $925. Within a few years the church building has been painted, frescoed, newly carpeted and electric lights put in.

The ecclesiastical polity is Congregational; 1812 to 1816 it was under the Presbyterian form of government when the church returned to the Congregational form of government but continued its connection with Presbytery till Sept. 20, 1885, when it withdrew and now stands independent. During the

100 years of its existence 800 persons have belonged to its membership, many of whom are dead and others scattered far and wide with a present enrollment of 160.

Five of its members have become pastors of other churches. Revs. John H. Scott, William Millikan, Cornelius Palmer, Joseph Angel and Arthur Seymour. Metcalf Shaw gave his life while young as a missionary to China.

Until the reorganization of the church in February 1876, the deacons were chosen for life and those who had been elected were, Elijah Alford, Robert Earl, Isaac Clark, David B. Kingsley and Sheldon Palmer.

Rev. Joseph Treat was the first pastor receiving a call on the 16th day of June, 1817 and remaining till Oct. 2nd, 1827. For three years Rev. Fenn, pastor of the Nelson church preached on alternate Sundays. In October 1831, Rev. Hanford became pastor and remained till September 1840. Dr. John Hough was installed as pastor June 24th, 1841, which relation was continued until April, 1850. He was followed by Rev. Hiram Bingham, who was dismissed by the Presbytery April, 1855. Rev. Levi B. Wilson was the next pastor and resigned September, 1852. Rev. James Shaw was installed pastor Jan. 2nd, 1860 and September, 1859. Rev. James Shaw was installed pastor Jan. 2nd, 1860 and remained until March, 1876. E. A. Paddock was pastor the following year and Rev. A. S. Upton was pastor from September, 1876, to June 1878. From September 1883 the pulpit was filled by Rev. H. P. Barnes. In February 1884 T. R. Jones came and remained until December, 1893. He was followed by Rev. D. D. Davies from April, 1894, to Jan. 5, 1897. Rev. C. E. Dickinson was pastor from April, 1897, resigned September, 1901. W. G. Lemmen was the next pastor from April, 1892 to September, 1904. Rev. R. J. McCall, 1905 to 1907. Rev. Stowell L. Bryant, 1907 to Jan. 1st, 1910, with no regular pastor since that time. Since the organization of the church it has maintained public worship without any interruption.

## OFFICERS.

*Pastor.*—Rev. H. A. Stick

*Deacons.*—O. L. Earl, E. P. Clark, M. G. Donaldson, M. D. Higley, C. E. Smith.

*Trustees.*—D. B. Wagner, S. C. Curtiss, Jason Angell, F. B. Jagger, F. S. Walden.

*Stated Clerk.*—O. L. Earle

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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| *Superintendent* | Chas. E. Smith |
| *Assistant* | F. B. Jagger |
| *Secretary* | I. J. Steigall |
| *Assistant* | F. A. Jagger |
| *Treasurer* | Herbert Higley |
| *Chorister* | C. W. Birchard |
| *Librarian* | Ruth Portz |
| *Pianist* | Myrtle Masters |
| *Assistant* | Flora Jagger |

*Teachers.*—Mrs. Lucy Birchard, Mrs. Irene Birchard, Miss Flora Jagger, Rev. H. A. Stick, M. D. Higley, Mrs. Abner Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Smith, F. B. Jagger, Mrs. F. B. Jagger, O. L. Earle, H. J. Alford, Mr. C. F. Porter, Mrs. Jennie Brooks.

## CENTENNIAL SUNDAY
## PROGRAM

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*Pastor* ..... Rev. H. A. Stick
*Organist* ..... Miss Flora Jagger
*Pianist* ..... Miss Carrie Walden
*Musical Director* ..... Mr. F. B. Jagger

### Sunday Morning.

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| Voluntary | |
| Doxology | |
| Invocation | Rev. Stick |
| Hymn No. 178 | Ein Feste Burg—Luther |
| Responsive Reading | Selection I—Psalm VIII |
| Gloria | |
| Scripture Lesson | Rev. C. A. Willey |
| Prayer | Rev. S. L. Bryant |
| Choir Response | |

### Announcements.

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| Hymn No. 348 | Selvin |
| History of Sunday School | Deacon O. L. Earle |
| History of Church | Mrs. F. B. Jagger |
| Offering | |
| Response | Rev. H. A. Stick |
| Solo | Mrs. Elida Birchard Fall |
| Centennial Chorus | And the Glory of the Lord—Handel |
| Centennial Sermon | Rev. S. L. Bryant |
| Centennial Chorus | The Heavens are Telling—Handel |
| Benediction | Rev. H. A. Stick |

### SUNDAY EVENING.

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| Voluntary | |
| Hymn No. 45 | Day is Dying in the West |
| Invocation | Rev. H. A. Stick |
| Centennial Chorus—Gloria | Farmers Mass |
| Scripture Reading | Rev. Stick |
| Prayer | Rev. Willey |

### Announcements.

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| Hymn No. 47 | Lead Kindly Light |
| Reading—The Swan Song, Brooks | Miss Mildred Higley |
| Miscellaneous Addresses | |
| Solo—The Unseen Kingdom, Lane | Mr. F. B. Jagger |
| Sermon | Rev. Stick |
| Centennial Chorus—The Radiant Morn | Woodward |
| Benediction Hymn No. 51 | |
| Benediction | Rev. Stick |

## MEMBERS OF THE CENTENNIAL CHORUS

Director..... F. B. Jagger
Organist.....Miss Flora May Jagger
Pianist.....Miss Carrie Walden

### SOPRANOS

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| Mrs. E. W. Mallett | Miss Donna Dobbs |
| Mrs. C. E. Smith | Miss Dorothy Pardee |
| Mrs. John Hoey | Miss Gertrude Ritter |
| Mrs. Myrtle Randall | Miss Zella McManus |
| Mrs. E. W. Haley | Miss Ethel Coates |
| Mrs. Frank Gambier | Miss Flossa Higley |
| Mrs. D. B. Wagner | Miss Myrtle Masters |
| Mrs. Flora Harrison | Miss Hazel Jones |
| Miss Ruby Higley | Miss Geniven Gambier |
| Miss Mildred Isler | Miss Mildred Higley |

### ALTOS

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|---|---|
| Mrs. F. B. Jagger | Miss Louise Harrison |
| Mrs. S. L. Bryant | Miss Lucile Donaldson |
| Mrs. Marion Chapman | Miss Abby Weed |
| Mrs. D. J. Cutts | Miss Edith Herner |

Miss Fanny McGuire

### TENORS

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| F. B. Jagger | W. E. Dobbs |
| L. V. Snow | Herbert Higley |
| D. I. Cutts | Jay A. Frazier |
| F. A. Jagger | Burdette Leuton |

Theadore Willey

### BASS

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| N. L. Glarer | Furry Youngman |
| C. W. Birchard | Claude McManus |
| Frank Pardee | Austin Spaldinger |
| Frank Gambier | Homer Philips |
| H. J. Miller | Arthur Goodhardt |

E. J. Williams

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

During the month of February, 1843, at the request of some of the people of Windham, Rev. John Robinson and Rev. Lorenzo Rogers came here and held a protracted meeting. Many were converted and as a result a Methodist church of about one hundred members was organized. A temporary building called the tabernacle was erected in a single day. Steps were immediately taken looking toward a permanent place of worship. $2,255 was subscribed at once. The church was erected the following summer and dedicated in January 1844. This edifice continued in use until the pastorate of H. S. Jackson, under whose

Methodist Episcopal Church

ministry in the winter of 1883-4 a very successful revival occurred which made a new church necessary. The new structure, built at a cost of about $9,000 was dedicated February 8, 1885. In 1910 the building was redecorated, altered somewhat and made most comfortable and attractive. Electric lighting has been introduced this year.

In September 1849 a parsonage was bought of R. M. Higley on East Street. In 1902 this building was sold and the present parsonage on N. Main Street was bought of Mrs. W. F. Harrison.

In these 68 years the church has had 37 pastors. In the earlier years the term was rarely more than one year. Of late the tendency is toward longer pastorate. Of recent years the pastorate of H. S. Jackson, T. C. Anderson

and E. P. Wyckoff have been notably successful. The present membership is 200 and the pastor is Rev. A. C. Willey.

About 1849 a Sunday school was organized which has grown to a membership of 212 under the efficient superintendence of C. W. Hunt.

The Epworth League was organized in 1889; the Junior League in 1893. Women's Missionary Societies, both Foreign and Home, are doing good work.

In October 1877, the Ladies' Aid Society was organized, and has continued in active and most helpful work ever since. Much of the success of the church, spiritual, social and financial, must be attributed to the unceasing labor and sacrifice of the loyal and enthusiastic women of the church. Our day has many problems—the country village no less than the great city. In the past the village church has been a potent factor in moulding the life of the nation. The need and the opportunity for the future are just as great.

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## HOME COMING SERVICE OF THE M. E. CHURCH

August 13, 1911

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*Pastor* ..... Rev. A. C. Willey

*Organist* ..... Mrs. Flora Harrison

*Choister* ..... Edward Winklepleck

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## PROGRAM

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| Voluntary | |
| Anthem | Arise, Shine—*Wilson* |
| Invocation | |
| Hymn | How Firm a Foundation |
| Apostles' Creed | |
| Scripture Reading | |
| Prayer | |
| Anthem | Hark, Hark My Soul—*Shelley* |
| Announcements | |
| Solo | Selected |
| Sermon | Rev. S. L. Bryant |
| Hymn | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name |
| Benediction | |

Public School Building

## SCHOOLS

Early in the month of August, 1811, a school was opened in the home of Alpheus Streator and was taught by the Misses Eliza Streator and Rebecca Conant who as their services were gratuitous, relieved each other once in two weeks.

One of the first things accomplished after the arrival of the first colonists was to provide a school for the children.

The first public building erected in the township was a school house. As the wants of the people required, other school houses were built.

In the year 1834 the Academy was built a few rods west of where the M. E. Church now stands. It was incorporated by an act of the legislature in 1835. In the spring of the same year a school was opened by John F. Hopkins. The school was continued during a portion of each year for a number of years.

The present school building was built in the year 1884. In 1886 the first class graduated. Since then one hundred and seventeen have graduated.

Mr. Frank Jagger, one of the Windham boys, has taught music in the school constantly for eighteen years. The advance which he has made was shown by the music rendered by the high school at the Junior commencement.

From the time of the settlement the nearest trading points were Warren and Ravenna, the trails being marked by blazed trees. In 1817 Deacon Isaac Clark came through from Massachusetts with a stock of goods valued at $500, with which he opened a store in a building located just west of E. A. Clark's present residence, which he conducted for several years.

In about 1830 Zenas Bierce had a store at the corner where A. W. Clark now resides. At the same time F. W. Savage had a store located on land owned by M. G. Donaldson.

In about 1834 Wm. H. Berger succeeded Mr. Bierce.

In 1834 John A. Skiff established the first store at Windham Center on the site of E. B. McManus' store, which he operated until 1845 when he was followed by Parsons & Root who continued until 1854.

Wm. Adams opened a store in 1834 on the northwest corner of Main and Center Streets, which he conducted until about 1844 when he sold to J. A. Mor-

General Store of E. B. McManus

gan. Two years later he was joined by his brother E. P. Morgan and the firm was known as E. P. & J. A. Morgan. They erected the building which is now standing. A few years later E. P. Morgan sold to Monroe Palmeter and the business proceeded under the name of Morgan and Palmeter. In 1856 Elmer Wadsworth purchased Palmeter's interest. Morgan & Wadsworth retired from business in 1859.

Scott Bros. started in the same building the same year, later becoming Scott, Stewart & Co. In 1865 the Scotts sold to W. W. Stewart who remained but a short time, selling to Frary & Aldrich. In 1867 they were followed by Egbert & McCorkle. In 1868 John Blackburn bought McCorkle's interest. Egbert & Blackburn were in business only a year or two when they closed out their stock and the building was vacant for a time. In 1872 John B. Harrison and John L. Miner began business there under the title of Harrison & Miner. After a few years Miner withdrew, Mr. Harrison conducting the business in his own name. In 1882 he was joined by his brother, W. F. Harrison, trading under the name Harrison & Harrison. Five years later W. F. was succeeded by his nephew George E. Harrison; the firm name being unchanged. They continued

until 1890 and were followed by Lenhart & Stein, who operated until 1897 when they dissoived partnership. Again the building was vacant for a time. From 1900 to 1905 J. B. Kitelinger had a Racket Store there and in the summer of 1908 Harley Ramsdell ran a meat market in it. At present the north half is occupied by Miss Edith Keller with millinery and the south half by J. A. Brokaw's barber shop.

In 1851 Wm. Noble, E. B. Higley and Benj. Adams opened a store in the building now occupied by H. Randall as a hotel. At the end of the first year Mr. Adams retired on account of ill health. Two years later Noble & Higley dissolved partnership. A little later E. B. Higley launched a store in the building vacated by Parsons & Root, which he conducted there until 1858 when he erected a building near the Erie depot.

Two years later he built the first cheese factory in this vicinity together with a curing house of large dimensions, south of the Erie railroad. Here butter and cheese were manufactured from milk bought from the farmers as well as being taken direct from the farmers in exchange for goods from his store, of which he had a large stock, which gave a great impetus to business and a great market for farm products became established.

G. D. Seymour's General Store

At that time Windham was the busiest place in the county. Geauga county also considered it her market place, hauling cheese and butter here from a distance of twenty or twenty-five miles.

In January 1870, he associated himself with his uncle, A. M. Higley, under the name of A. M. & E. B. Higley, continuing until March 1872, when they dissolved the partnership. Later in the same year Thomas Moses established a store in the same building which he continued until the building burned in November 1872. He immediately rebuilt and proceeded until 1881 when he sold to Higley and Bosley, who continued until 1885, in which year death claimed both. Pound & Thomas opened a store in the same building in the spring of 1886 which they sold to Sheldon & Reed in August 1888. This firm was succeeded by Sheldon & Seymour May 1, 1896, who continued until the death of Mr. Sheldon in the spring of 1910 when Mr. Seymour purchased the interest of his late partner and is now conducting the business of general merchant and jobber of maple syrup and country produce.

In 1866 the building on the northeast corner of Main and Center Streets was burned.

In 1875 H. J. Noble erected a store building on the same site, establishing therein a hardware and grocery store which he conducted until 1886, when he sold to H. A. Wadsworth.

E. A. Lehmann came to Windham in December 1877 and opened a shop for the manufacture and repair of harness, in a part of the hotel building. The following year he purchased the building where he is now located and has conducted a very successful business all through the years that followed.

In August 1878 H. A. Wadsworth opened a tin shop in the building now used by G. D. Seymour as a syrup room, which he occupied for two years. In 1880 he built a store at the corner of Main and School Streets, moved there and added hardware to his stock. In 1883 J. H. Furry put up a building on School Street and opened a furniture store which he ran for three years, selling the stock to H. A. Wadsworth. In 1886 Mr. Wadsworth bought out H. J. Noble's business and moved to that building where he was joined by his brother, F. B. Wadsworth, doing business under the name of H. A. & F. B. Wadsworth for one year when F. B. retired. H. A. Wadsworth continued the business

Hardware Store of E. W. Mallett

for a number of years. In October 1898 E. W. Mallett purchased a part of his stock and opened a store in the building where he is now located. In the years that followed he has branched out into different lines until he has a large and prosperous business in hardware, stoves, furnaces, plumbing, roofing, etc.

In 1880 Seward Shaw opened a drug store in the building now ocupied by D. J. Thomas as a dwelling, which he operated until 1886 when Frank Millikan bought the stock, added groceries and continued for two years, selling out to E. T. Smith who ran a drug store and repaired clocks and watches for ten years, closing out and removing to Cleveland in 1896.

In 1897 D. J. Thomas opened a grocery in the same building which he operated there until 1905 when he became associated with C. S. Applegate, who had purchased the stock of hardware owned by H. A. Wadsworth and moved his stock of groceries to the Wadsworth building, where, under the name of Thomas & Applegate they conducted a general store and hardware for about six months when Mr. Applegate retired; Mr. Thomas continuing the business until the spring of 1911 when he sold out to E. B. McManus who has a prosperous general store, Mr. Thomas now being engaged in the sale of all kinds of farm-

ing implements. From 1890 to 1892 Miss Amanda Mellinger conducted a millinery store in the building now owned by E. W. Mallett and Sam Shetler had a racket store in the same building from 1894 to 1896.

In 1883 Pearl and Jay Waite leased land of Theron Wales, erected a building and opened the first meat market in Windham, which they conducted until 1886 when they sold to Osborn & Allen. Mr. Osborn retired the following year and John Allen continued until 1889, selling to Edwin Yale who, at the end of the year sold to C. W. Stroud who kept it but a few months. Again Ed. Yale took up the work assisted by Ernest Angel under the name of Yale & Angel; but in 1890 they sold to Jonas Snyder who kept it but a short time, selling to W. J. Ritter who was there a year, closing out to Wm. Funk. In a few months he traded it to Geo. E. Harrison.

D. J. & L. M. Waite conducted it the year of 1893, selling to A. H. Masters. In a year he sold to C. W. Stroud who continued but a short time selling, in 1895 to James Shakespeare, who has conducted it since that time, adding a stock of groceries.

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## WINDHAM POSTMASTERS.

| | Date of Appointment. |
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| Dillingham Clark | April 18, 1818 |
| Wm. B. Washington | Aug. 12, 1828 |
| Wm. H. Berger | Oct. 10, 1834 |
| John A. Skiff | April 25, 1836 |
| Wm. C. Adams | Jan. 29, 1841 |
| J. A. Skiff | May 31, 1841 |
| Wm. C. Adams | Sept. 23, 1845 |
| George S. Parsons | Feb. 16, 1852 |
| Milton Wadsworth | June 16, 1854 |
| George S. Parsons | July 24, 1855 |
| Moses A. Birchard | July 27, 1858 |
| E. B. Higley | Dec. 27, 1859 |
| C. G. Frary | June 15, 1869 |
| E. B. Higley | Aug. 4, 1869 |
| Thomas Moses | Dec. 28, 1874 |
| B. A. Higley | Oct. 12, 1881 |
| John B. Harrison | Oct. 2, 1885 |
| H. T. Sheldon | Nov. 12, 1889 |
| H. A. Wadsworth | Nov. 23, 1893 |
| Herbert T. Sheldon | Dec. 11, 1897 |
| George D. Seymour | April 6, 1910 |

We can see at a glance that these early settlers craved social life and intercourse with friends and the outside world just as earnestly as do we of today, for since 1818 Uncle Sam seems to have had an established mail route into the center of Windham township as the list of postmasters indicates.

## HOTELS.

Henry A. Canfield built the house where Mr. and Mrs. Fox now reside and kept a hotel here from 1832 to 1850. He also built the present hotel building for a cabinet shop, for Mr. Canfield made much splendid and substantial furniture and was famed as a cabinetmaker near and far. He sold the house to Dr. Southey and the cabinet shop to Wm. Noble.

W. C. Adams followed Mr. Canfield in the hotel business for a couple of years in the house now owned by John Bosley. A hotel was kept in the Joseph Birchard house by Eli Odel.

In the early '60's Mr. Ichabod Andrews bought the Canfield warehouse of Mr. Noble who had fitted it up for a dwelling and store, and rearranged it for a hotel. Mr. Reeve Hughes, a brother-in-law to Mr. Andrews, joined him in the enterprise and the hotel was continued until about 1880, when sold again to Mr. B. F. Lovett, who was in Windham until 1890, when Mr. V. J. Baab took charge. Mr. Frank Roberts was in business here for a couple of years when succeeded by Mr. Louis Williams, 1903. Mr. Ralph Edick, 1907-1909, when the entire business was sold to Mr. H. Randall our present hotel landlord.

Traveling north from Windham Center we come to the residence of Mr. Al Clark, formerly known as the Beckwith home. There in the early days a tavern and hostelry was kept and here the stage coach changed horses on their long journeys.

CEMETERY.

In 1811 a burial ground had been selected on the public green near the center, but was abandoned early in 1817 and the present beautiful location selected. On the 7th of February of that year the remains of six persons were removed and deposited in the new cemetery.

At the time of purchasing only about one-qarter of land was bought that now comprises the cemetery. Since the beginning there have been but three sextons: Mr. Erastus Snow, Mr. Alanson Jagger and Mr. Jason Angel, who has been filling the position since 1880. Up to this time nearly 1,500 burials have been held here.

Dr. J. W. Shank

## PHYSICIANS.

The physicians who have followed their profession in Windham began practice in the succession given:

Ezra Chaffee, 1812, John S. Matson, 1824, Dr. White, Samuel Southey, F. C. Applegate, Dr. Eames, Dr. Ketchum, Byron Laughead, J. W. Shank, Wm. C. Pardee, Dr. Harris, Dr. Goulding, Dr. Crawfis, Mark Pardee, Drs. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, J. W. Burnham, J. R. Gleason, Dr. J. W. Shank, who has been a resident physician for a number of years.

## HISTORY OF THE WESTERN RESERVE BAND OF WINDHAM, O.

On Oct. 21, 1876, there was organized in the Township of Windham, Ohio, a cornet band, with the following persons:

Organizer James A. Snow, and leader for two or three years; after that M. E. Birchard was leader until his death more than 30 years; Bb cornet, John Hoffman, Frank Walker; Eb alto, H. D. Higley, M. D. Higley; Bb tenor, Charley Bingham, Byron Laughead; Bb baritone, Mike Weed; Bb bass, Sylvester Well; Eb bass, W. C. Birchard; bass drum, William Langdon; snare drum, Clinton Higley. Of this membership there remained with the band until the time of their death the following members: W. C. Birchard, who died on May 10, 1900; James A. Snow, who died on Oct. 7, 1905; M. E. Birchard, who died on Dec. 5, 1910; leaving M. D. Higley the only charter member still connected with the

James A. Snow

First Leader of Western Reserve Band.

band. But there have been more than eighty members connected with it during its existence and for 35 years it has always been in playing order.

Some of its important engagements are as follows: Playing for Agricultural Fairs in Ravenna, Warren and Garrettsville; band concerts, political meetings and funerals in the early years, finally becoming quite a noted military band. We went with Portage Co. G. A. R. to Columbus on Sept. 10th, 1888, also the next year with Trumbull Co. G. A. R. to Pittsburg. On May 30, 1890, we went to Cleveland to take part in the dedication of Garfield Monument, playing for the Oriental Commandry Knights Templars, of which Garfield was a member. June 25, 1890, hired by them to accompany them to Canton to a conclave. Also on Aug. 19 to 25, to accompany them to Toledo to a conclave and return by way of Detroit. We also went with the Ohio National Guards to Chicago, to take part in the dedication of the World's Fair grounds, the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, 1492-1892. Also to Cleveland to the McKinley "Full Dinner Pail" parade and many others too numerous to mention.

BAND MEMBERS FOR 1890

Top row, left to right—E. A. Youngman, M. A. Birchard, Director, John King, Chas. Erich, Ed. Fenton, Arthur Higley, M. D. Higley.
Middle row, left to right—Bert E. Smith, F. P. Seymour, W. D. Davis, Chas. Robsky, Dennis Lint.
Bottom row, left to right—F. B. Jagger, Ed. Higley, M. J. Snow, Chas. Stein, Ed. Winklepleck, Warren Birchard, Harry Wadsworth.

BAND MEMBERS FOR 1911

Top row, left to right—Claude Griswold, C. W. Birchard, E. A. Clark, F. A. Jagger, M. D. Higley, F. B. Jagger, Director; Ernest Youngman, G. D. Seymour, Ed. Winklepleck, G. S. Brewer.
Middle row, left to right—Frank Pardee, Charles Ebert, H. J. Miller, C. S. Curtiss, H. J. Alford, Carl Lehmann.
Bottom row, left to right—Arthur Goodhardt, Theodore Willey, Austin Spaldinger, Herbert Higley, Furry Youngman, M. J. Snow.
Additional members—Wallace Dobbs, Leroy Dobbs, John Langdon, Gerald Rudd, Floyd Jones, Bernard Jones, Al. Murwin.

## EARLE-MILLIKAN POST

The Grand Army Post of Windham was organized in 1885 from soldiers of this town. In 1863 about 70 young men organized as Home Guards and drilled. In May, 1864, they were called to Johnson Island to guard prisoners and were sworn into U. S. service at Sandusky May 28th, and were a part of the 171st O. V. I. sent to Kentucky June 9th to stop John Morgan from crossing the Ohio river. He was met on June 11th at Cynthiana, Ky. Here Mr. Edwin Earle, Mr Henry Millikan and Mr. Wm. Reed were killed. Severely wounded were First Lieut. Henry Earle, E. S. Woodworth and Nathan Birchard. We bear the name of Earle-Millikan Post No. 333, Grand Army of the Republic. There were 14 charter members and many others joined us later.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

I. M. Wilcox
P. R. Higley
W. W. Randall
Charles Hoskins
T. O. Angel
G. S. Pinney
F. D. Snow
Bert Merwin
Wm. Darworth
F. C. Applegate
Luther Kinney
B. F. Lovett
Henry Hartlerode
E. S. Woodworth

LATER MEMBERS.

O. L. Earle
H. J. Walker
H. B. Walden
W. A. Higley
A. M. Higley
E. F. Jagger
Geo. Lawrence
W. B. Phillips
S. C. Potter
N. A. Pinney
H. C. Dice
Fred Bristol
D. M. Alford
Elijah Alford
H. M. Buck
Silvester Webb
Henry Pound
F. X. Poor
Amos Winklepleck
F. C. Hudson
Geo. Gordon
T. O. Angel
James Snow
H. D. Wright
J. J. Lenhart
J. B. Mellingar
R. T. Chapman
Wilson King
Edward Roberts
C. W. Stone
C. W. Stroud
A. E. Brooks
C. M. Hunt
Emery Wheelock
Stan Chapman
Allen Silvers
S. S. Williams
B. W. Earl
E. H. Millard
David Bissell

## ROYAL ARCANUM

Eagle Council No. 1632 Royal Arcanum was organized July 13th, 1895, with 21 charter members and had a membership of 20 January 1st, 1911, and only two deaths since its organization, viz: George E. Harrison and Arthur S. Higley.

The present officers are: Regent, F. H. Walden; Vice Regent, L. M. Wait; Past Regent, F. B. Jagger; Orator, J. W. Shank; Secretary, Jason Angell; Collector, C. E. Smith; Chaplain, D. B. Wagner; Guide, S. O. Donaldson; Inner Guard, F. E. Jones; Outer Guard, F. W. McKinsey. Representative to Grand Council, F. B. Jagger; alternate, Jason Angell. Meetings held at K. of P. hall second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

WINDHAM VILLAGE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

C. S. Curtiss — E. C. Earle — S. Yale — B. F. Wolfe — E. B. McManus

W. A. Higley — D. B. Wagner, Clerk — C. M. Hunt, Mayor — G. D. Seymour, Treasurer

## WINDHAM GRANGE
### No. 1597, P. of H.

Windham Grange No. 1597 P. of H., was organized Dec. 22nd, 1903 with 33 charter members and had a membership of 94 Jan. 1st, 1911. Members died: Hon. E. S. Woodworth, Mrs. E. S. Woodworth, A. L. Taft, Hattie Higley, Adah Porter, Arthur Higley, Mrs. J. W. Brobst, Lynn Brobst, M. E. Birchard. Present officers: Master, Frank S. Higley; Overseer, Fred Jagger; Lecturer, Mrs. S. L. Bryant; Steward, Gail Clark; Asst. Steward, Herbert Higley; Chaplain, Lucie C. Higley; Treasurer, M. D. Higley; Secretary, D. B. Wagner; Gatekeeper, Gerald Rudd; Ceres, Anna Wilson, Pomona, Laura Higley, Flora, Nettie Jagger. Trustees, M. D. Higley, Abner Wilson, C. E. Smith. Meetings held at Brick Chapel second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month.

WINDHAM GRANGE, No. 1597, P. of H.

Windham Creamery, E. W. Haley, Proprietor

## WINDHAM CREAMERY.

E. B. Higley built a factory for the manufacture of cheese and butter in 1860 and conducted it until 1870 when he associated himself with his uncle, A. M. Higley, who continued until 1872 when they went out of business. The factory was vacant until 1874 when W. J. Morton bought it and conducted it until 1881. Again it was vacant until 1885, when Harrison and Beck used it In 1910 E. W. Haley purchased the creamery and is still conducting the business. This they followed until 1889 when they went out of business. Again the building stood vacant.

In 1895 John Wilton started a cheese factory where both cheese and butter were manufactured. This he conducted until 1902 when he sold to J. F. Hudson. Mr. Hudson continued making cheese and butter until 1904, when the factory was converted into a creamery from which the products were shipped to Pittsburg. In 1910 E. W. Haley purchased the creamery and is still conducting the business.

Electric Light Plant

## ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

The Windham Electric Co.'s new plant in the village of Windham, owned and operated by F. A. Eberwine & Sons, is without doubt second to none in the state of Ohio for a town of its size; in fact, we doubt if another town of a population of 261 can boast of an electric light plant of any description. The equipment consists of a Fairbanks-Morse 50 H. P. suction gas producer, a 43 H. P. two-cylinder vertical gas engine of the same make; a 36 K. W. 2300 volt, 60 cycle, 3 phase revolving field alternator, a 1½ K. W. G. E. exciter, a Westinghouse switchboard and instruments. In addition to the lighting plant, they have and operate a modern ball bearing attrition feed mill, and do custom grinding most every night while they are running the electric lights. Enough cannot be said for the splendid system of street lighting. The system is known as the series Tungsten system, the number of street lamps being 40, being controlled from the switchboard at the plant and entirely independent from the house lighting current. The company expect to extend their lines into the country and this will give the farmers current for lights and power, which means a convenience on the farm that will place the old home on an equal with our city friends at all times. The plant and the service it has given since it was started last December, is well worth the patronage of every property owner within its limits. May success attend their venture.

## THE WINDHAM TELEPHONE CO.

Was organized, chartered and installed by a company composed of the citizens of Windham township in the summer of 1905, it being the intent of the company to so build the system that every citizen of the village and township could have firstclass, up-to-date telephone service to any part of the country reached by telephone communication; and at a price fair and just to every patron. And we are pleased to say that practically all of our citizens have given the company their hearty and loyal support. It also shows that the progressive independent spirit of the founders of Windham township in 1811 is still with us, helping us to enjoy the many great advantages that we have been blessed with in this our centennial year of 1911.

## OPAL LODGE No. 743, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

This lodge was instituted Nov. 17th, 1905, by O. A. Tuttle, County Dept. Grand Chancellor, and worked under a warrant until June 1906, when a charter was granted. The charter members were: Dr. J. W. Shank, E. B. McManus, E. C Earl, A. G. Aston, E. J. Williams, D. B. Wagner, J. R. Chapman, F. H. Walden, H. J. Whitehead, A. G. Crowe, A. J. Ebert, G. D. Seymour, W. A. Horner, G. W. Fleming, G. H. Higley, Harry Atwood, P. C. Isler, C. S. Applegate, Elmer Stroup, J. W. Hoskins, J. H. Summerlin, L. B. Pardee, L. R. Newel, F. A. Kellar, D. J. Thomas, I. A. Deitz, and O. L. Bancroft.

Past chancellors by appointment were: E. B. McManus, D. B. Wagner, C. S. Applegate and J. W. Hoskins.

The chancellor commanders have been elected in the following succession: Dr. J. W. Shank, D. B. Wagner, E. C. Earl, C. W. Birchard, B. A. Lewton, P. C. Isler, E. J. Williams, J. W. Waltz, F. H. Walden, E. G. Belden, E. A. Clark, and Elmer Stroup. Stated conventions of this lodge held on Wednesday evening of each week.

OPAL LODGE, No. 743, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

## OPALINE TEMPLE No. 344 PYTHIAN SISTERS.

This order was installed March 10, 1908, by Mrs. Flora Heidrich, P. G. C., of Canton. The charter members were: Sisters May Thomas, Dora Shank, Alta Higley, Ida Day, Ella Pardee, Cora Brewer, Mildred Isler, Mildred Higley, Cora Belden, Perlie Smith, Hattie Griswool, Lucy Higley, Lizzie Higley, Nina McManus, Elma Waltz, Annie Lewton, Mattie Williams, Emma Williams, Bertha Stroup, Lillian Chatman, Grace Crowe, Minnie Hoskins. Bro. Knights: J. W. Shank, G. S. Brewer, L. C. Williams, Chas. Smith, M. D. Higley, Chas. Higley, Owen Pardee, C. D. Griswool, Elmer Stroup, Chester Day, B. A. Lewton, E. C. Earl, Ernest Haley, John Waltz honorary members.

Ella Pardee P. C., by appointment. The M. E. C. chair has been filled by May E. Thomas, Ida Day, Alta Higley, Dora Shank, Mildred Isler, Nina McManus. Meetings are held the first and third Fridays of each month.

OPALINE TEMPLE, No. 344, PYTHIAN SISTERS

## "THE QUIET STITCHERS."

The Quiet Stitchers date from Nov. 4, 1904, when Mrs. C. C. Colton invited several friends to her home to organize a fancy work club. They agreed to limit the membership to 15; to meet every two weeks and to use the dues for literature, flowers for the sick or the annual banquet.

Soon music and readings were added to fancy work and light refreshments; then programs for Valentine's day, Washington's birthday or other special occasions. Appointing leaders, calling the roll and studying progress of the world topics followed in 1906.

Each year "the men"—husbands, brothers or friends of the members—are entertained. "The men" have shown their appreciation by entertaining the club elaborately. Occasionally the mothers are guests of honor. They claim to be delighted and they have been known to shed tears of joy at the homage paid them.

The club is a recreation needed by busy women, an inspiration to friendship and sociability, a help to nobler living and better homemaking. Its crowning attractions are its informalities, its lack of gossip and the loyalty of its members to each other.

Mrs. S. O. Donaldson is president and Mrs. Abner Wilson secretary and treasurer.

THE QUIET STITCHERS

# THE NEW IDEA CLUB

On March fourteenth, nineteen hundred and six, a company of Windham's representative ladies met with Mrs. E. W. Mallett and resolved to organize themselves into a Study Club, the object of which should be the advancement of its members in the three-fold sense leading to unity.

That the development of oneself toward the very highest and best is only striving toward the betterment of all with whom we may come in contact. This is unity of purpose.

A club pin was chosen, the rounded triangle, symbolic of the three-fold relationship each member holds to the other. Since organization three years have been spent in a study of our United States in connection with other countries. We are at present on the second year study of the state of Ohio, and can say we seem only to have begun.

Social life is not forgotten, for the club believing that "friendship is the golden chain that links the world together," we have opened our home doors always to friends. Annual banquets, picnics and festival celebrations are held.

The presidents have been: Mrs. Herbert Alford, Mrs. Ashley Taft, and Mrs. Ernest Haley, who is filling the office for her second year; with Mrs. Seymour Higley as secretary.

THE NEW IDEA CLUB

## WINDHAM AS A FARMING COMMUNITY.

Windham has always been an ideal community for those who wished to follow agriculture as their principal occupation.

The first settlers were wise in their plans, and even before starting from their New England home, established a church that they might make their new home a community attractive to all good people.

Our forefathers were strong advocates of education, and so infused into their children a desire for knowledge, that today we have one of the best school systems to be found anywhere in the state.

Our township is wonderfully blest by nature; the surface being just rolling enough to afford excellent drainage. The soil, a sandy loam, is well adapted to farming, and the education and labor expended on it bring ample rewards. It is also blest in being situated in the sugar maple belt, thus adding one crop that is of great profit to the farmer, that is not produced in a large part of the state.

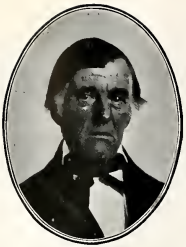
Our shipping facilities are good, as Windham is situated on one of the great trunk lines that span the continent from ocean to ocean. Although we are not very near a large market center, our local merchants make a market for all farm products.

The inhabitants of the township are an educated, enterprising people, who are always looking for the best interests and beauty of the town, as our fine churches, excellent schools, good roads, fine kept lawns surrounding most of our homes, beautiful cemetery, electric lights, and fine cement walks all bear witness.

All these advantages together with the good citizenship and good fellowship that exists in town and township make Windham one of the most desirable, if not the very best township in this grand state of Ohio in which to live.

Sylvina Streator Crane

Mrs. Sylvina Streator Crane was born in Windham, Portage County, Ohio, October 21, 1820, the eldest child of Jason and Nancy Streator. She is still living at the age of 91 years at Garrettsville.



LEVI ALFORD
1789-1868

## Genealogy

John Alford
1475

Rev. Alexander Alford
1500

William Alford
1530

DARIUS M. ALFORD
1832-1907

Thomas Alford
1578

Benedict Alford
1621

Josiah Alford
1649

Josiah Alford, Jr.
1696

WM. V. ALFORD
1858

Elijah Alford
1732

Elijah Alford, Jr.
1757

Levi Alford
1789

Darius M. Alford
1832

Wm. V. Alford
1858

W. Brewster Alford
1890

WM. BREWSTER ALFORD
1890

**CHILDREN OF LEVI ALFORD**

Darius M. — Elijah — Olive — Rebecca — Sidney — Newell

Harriett Snow, wife of Elijah

Henry Palmer, husband of Rebecca

Cathaline Brewster, wife of Darius M.

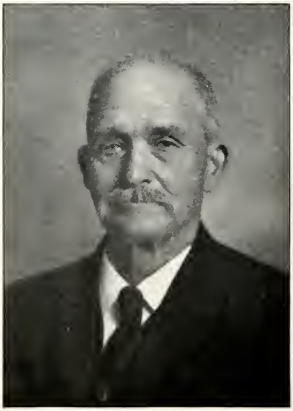
Residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fisher

Mrs. M. D. Higley

"Elmhurst"—Home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Higley

Mr. M. D. Higley

Mrs. C. L. Bryant



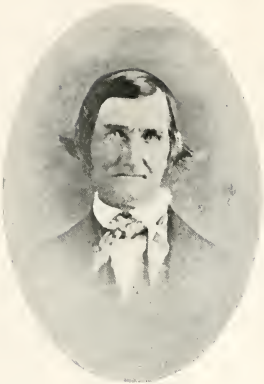
Mr. C. L. Bryant

C. L. Bryant, Jr.

"Pekin"—Home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bryant

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Cutts and Daughter Pauline

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Cutts



Erastus Snow

Frank Snow

Francis Snow

Rev. R. Norton

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Chaffee

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Seymour

"Home Crest"—Residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Donaldson

Residence of Mrs. Mary E. Goodrich
Built by Her Father, Robert Higley, in 1836

Mrs. H. J. Alford

Mr. H. J. Alford

Mr. Frank A. Fobes, Barberton, O.

Grandson of Levi and Edna Alford and son of Louise Alford Fobes. His early life was spent at the well known Alford Homestead.

"Glenalford"—Residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Alford.
The Old Alford Homestead Built in 1836.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Williams

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Birchard

Mrs. Stowell L. Bryant

Mr. Stowell L. Bryant

"Alta Dale"—Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stowell L. Bryant

## LOREN HIGLEY AND FAMILY

Loren Higley, third son of Col. Benjamin and Sally (McCowen) Higley, was born in Becket, Mass., Feb. 2, 1810. He was brought, the following year, by his parents to Windham, their family being the third that arrived in the township.

March 8, 1832 he married Rachael Elmina Frary who was born in Becket, Mass., 1811. In October 1829 she came with her mother and a large family to Windham, where she taught school until the time of her marriage.

Their children are Sheldon Frary, Stephen Loren, William Adams, Sarah Ann and Seymour Augustus, twins.

Rachael Elmina Higley died July 1, 1889.

Loren Higley died Feb. 25, 1891.

Sheldon F. Higley was born Nov. 24, 1833. May 6, 1856 he married C. E. Fitch. They have one daughter. He died, Dec. 25, 1910.

Stephen Loren, born 1837, died 1887.

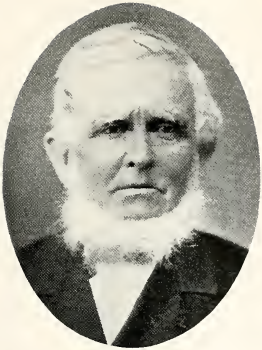
Wm. A. Higley, born 1840. Married Elizabeth Scott in 1865. Have two children, a son and daughter. The wife died Aug. 31, 1908.

Sarah Ann Higley married John L. Miner, Sept. 2, 1875. They have one son. She died Dec. 18, 1906.

Seymour A. Higley married Emma Sheldon, 1880. They have two sons and a daughter. They own and occupy the same home into which his parents moved in the winter of 1834.

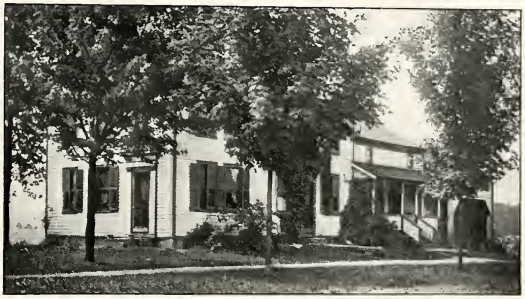
Loren Higley
1810-1891

Sheldon F. Higley
1833-1910



Loren Higley

Sheldon F. Higley



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Higley

Mrs. W. A. Higley

Mr. W. A. Higley

Residence of W. A. Higley and Family

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mallett and son Clarence H.

Residence of P. R. Higley and Family

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Birchard Jagger and Pioneer Homestead of Ephraim F. Jagger.

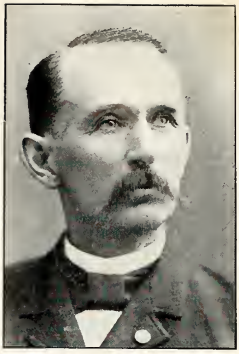
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. C E. Smith formerly owned by Siras Johnson, built in 1854.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Donaldson

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee Birchard

Mrs. Egbert Woodworth



Hon. Egbert Woodworth

Residence of the late Hon. and Mrs. Egbert Woodworth

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Clark

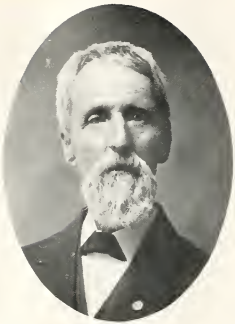
Residence of Mrs. Louisa Walden

Mrs. H. T. Sheldon

Mr. H. T. Sheldon

H. T. Sheldon was born April 17, 1842.
Sheriff of Portage County 1885-1889.
A prominent merchant in Windham for twenty-two years.
Postmaster of Windham from 1889-1893 also from 1897-1910.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sheldon



Harvey Buck

Mrs. Jesse Lyman

Mr. Jesse Lyman

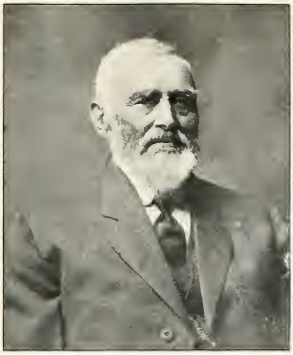
Mrs. E. J. Hill

Mr. E. J. Hill

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Higley and daughter Clara H.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Higley.



Davidson J. Waite
In his 81st year

Dr. W. C. Pardee

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Waite

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Rudd

The Rudd Homestead

Daniel B. Wagner Sarah C. Wagner
Mary A. Hoopengarner Clate A. Wagner

Mary A. Hoopengarner, born March 24, 1832, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, widow of Joseph Hoopengarner.
Sarah C. Wagner, born Feb. 13, 1860 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, daughter of Joseph and Mary A. Hoopengarner.
Daniel B. Wagner, a prominent citizen of Windham since 1884.
Clate A. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wagner.

The Joseph Hoopengarner Residence and Home of D. B. Wagner and Family

The late Thomas O. Angel

A resident of Windham, Ohio. For 30 years Justice of Peace of Windham. For several years Mayor. Was a member of the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Marilla Noble.
Born in Windham and lived here continuously 82 years.

The Beckwith Tavern and Homestead.
Known in early times as the stopping place for stage coaches, changing of horses, etc.

# History of Early Settlement.

At a meeting of a number of the inhabitants of Becket and Washington in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the house of Thatcher Conant in Becket, on the tenth day of September, 1810, the following agreement was entered into for the purpose of obtaining a township of land in the state of Ohio.

We, the subscribers hereby promise to pay Thatcher Conant our equal proportion of the expense of exploring and viewing a township of land in New Connecticut, now owned by the Hon. Caleb Strong of Northampton, to be paid over to the agents of the company by order of the company. Witness our hand, September 10, 1810:

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|---|---|---|
| Bille Messenger | Nathan Birchard | Enos Kingsley |
| Elijah Alford | Jeremiah Lyman | Elisha Clark |
| Ebenezer N. Messenger | Dillingham Clark | Isaac Clark |
| John Seley | Benjamin Higley | Benjamin C. Perkins |
| Thatcher Conant | Aaron P. Jagger | |
| Alpheus Streator | Gideon Bush | |

Col. Bille Messenger being chosen moderator of the aforesaid meeting and Elijah Alford, Clerk. Thatcher Conant being chosen Treasurer of said company.

Voted, That Dillingham Clark Esq., and Jeremiah Lyman be agents to explore said township, being Township No. 4 in the 6th Range in the Connecticut Western Reserve, so called in the state of Ohio, owned by the Hon. Caleb Strong aforesaid.

At a meeting of the company founded for the purpose of purchasing Township No. 4 in the 6th Range of the Connecticut Western Reserve, state of Ohio, holden at the house of Elijah Alford in Becket, on the 31st day of October, 1810, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the agents of said company respecting said township.

Col. Bille Messenger chosen moderator, Elijah Alford, clerk.

Voted that Dillingham Clark, Esq., apply to Caleb Strong, Esq., for the purpose of purchasing said township for the company.

At the adjournment of the aforesaid meeting Nov. 8, 1810, voted to choose a committee to devise a plan for dividing the township if purchased and a committee chosen for that purpose. At the adjournment of the aforesaid meeting Nov. 12, 1810, the committee appointed to devise a plan of division reported as follows: That the south half of lot No. 55 be taken for public land and the use of a minister; then select 33 80 acre lots for a first division; and 33 lots for a second division; and 33 lots for a third division; and 33 80 acre lots for a fourth division; and the north half of lot 55 to be disposed of as the purchasers shall think best. Signed—Dillingham Clark and other committee.

Voted to accept the report of the aforesaid committee.

Voted that Bille Messenger and Dillingham Clark Esq., be agents to apply to Caleb Strong and others and complete the bargain of purchasing said township.

*Note.—It was then supposed that the township was laid out into lots of half-mile square.

At the adjournment of the aforesaid meeting held on November 19th, 1810, Bille Messenger and Dillingham Clark reported, that they had completed the bargain for purchase of Township aforesaid with Caleb Strong and others.

Voted that Bille Messenger, Dillingham Clark and Alpheus Streator, be a committee to attend with Capt. Abel Dewey and Capt. Samuel Knox, who were mutually chosen by the said Caleb Strong and others on their part and the agents of said Company on the other to appraise the farms and other real estate to be turned in by the company to pay for the township of land which our agents

appointed at a former part of this meeting agreed for at the adjournment of the aforesaid meeting, December 27, 1810.

Voted that Dillingham Clark, Esq., Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant be agents for the company—to exchange deeds with the Honorable Caleb Strong Esq., and others for the township agreed for.

## THE AGENTS' BOND.

Whereas, Elijah Alford, Jeremiah Lyman, Enos Kingsley, Bille Messenger, Eben. N. Messenger, Benj. Higley, Aaron P. Jagger, John Seley, Nathan Birchard, Elisha Clark, Benjamin C. Perkins, Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant all of Becket, and Dillingham Clark and Gideon Bush of Washington, in the county of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Mass., have associated together for the purpose of purchasing a township of land of the Honorable Caleb Strong, being in the Connecticut Reserve called No. 4, in the 6th Range of township in said Reserve and have agreed to convey by deeds of warranty made by each of them, lands or other real estate to the amount of sum agreed for as the price of said township to the said Caleb Strong, and have chosen Alpheus Streator, Dillingham Clark and Thatcher Conant to receive the deeds of land that they shall so make out to the said Caleb Strong and deliver them to him, the said Caleb Strong and receive from him the said Caleb Strong, a deed of conveyance of the above named township and convey to their associates above named by good and sufficient deeds of conveyance, each one his part and proportion of said township according to the quantity that has been agreed upon or may be agreed upon by the said associates and acquit to each other their respective proportion agreed upon as above, except one lot in said township, called lot 55, which is agreed upon by the associates as a common lot or reserve for public use, which lot is to be conveyed to the whole of the associates for that purpose now, for the accomplishment and fulfillment of all the above purposes.

We the undernamed, Alpheus Streator, Dillingham Clark and Thatcher Conant, do by these presents bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators to them, the said Elijah Alford, Jeremiah Lyman, Enos Kingsley, Bille Messenger, Eben. N. Messenger, Benjamin Higley, Aaron P. Jagger, John Seley, Nathan Birchard, Elisha Clark, Gideon Bush and Benjamin C. Perkins, their heirs, executors and administrators or assigns in the full and just sum of fifty thousand dollars to be paid to them, the said Elijah Alford, Jeremiah Lyman, Enos Kingsley, Bille Messenger, Eben. N. Messenger, Benjamin Higley, Aaron P. Jagger, John Seley, Nathan Birchard, Elisha Clark, Gideon Bush and Benjamin C. Perkins, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns on the fifteenth day of March, next in witness whereof we have here unto set our hands and seals this first day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1811.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden, Alpheus Streator, Dillingham Clark and Thatcher Conant do well and truly upon receiving the deeds of conveyance of lands and the real estate made by the above named associates to the Honorable Caleb Strong and receive from him a good and sufficient deed of conveyance of the above named township No. 4 in the 6th Range of townships in the Connecticut Reserve so called and do give, make out and deliver to each of the above named associates, Elijah Alford, Jeremiah Lyman, Enos Kingsley, Bille Messenger, Eben. N. Messenger, Elisha Clark, Gideon Bush and Benjamin C. Perkins, or so many of them as shall make out deeds of land or real estate to the said Cabel Strong, their heirs or assigns, good and sufficient deeds of conveyance of each one, his proportion of lands in said township, according as it is or may be agreed upon by the said associates, but be holden by them to run any greater risk than the associates as a body concerning the strength or validity of the first or original deed by us taken, and acquit each other, each one his proportion of land in said township, agreed upon as above, and convey to said associates the above named

lot No. 55, in said township for public use as aforesaid on or before the said 15th day of March next, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force.

The expense of performing the above business to be borne by the associates in proportion to the quantity of land received by each.

Signed and sealed. Delivered in presence of George Conant, Justus B. King.

[Seal] ALPHEUS STREATOR.
[Seal] DILLINGHAM CLARK.
[Seal] THATCHER CONANT.

Names of purchasers, together with value of each man's deed, set against his name.

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|---|---|
| Elijah Alford | $2,054.74 |
| Jeremiah Lyman | 1,596.76 |
| Enos Kingsley | 516.00 |
| Bille Messenger | 1,172.00 |
| Eben. N. Messenger | 1,095.44 |
| Benjamin Higley and Sally Higley | 2,040.00 |
| Aaron P. Jagger | 855.36 |
| John Seley | 1,018.00 |
| Nathan Birchard | 1,115.00 |
| Elisha Clark | 400.00 |
| Benj. C. Perkins | 304.48 |
| Alpheus Streator | 1,727.44 |
| Thatcher Conant | 1,625.00 |
| Dillingham Clark | 6,632.00 |
| Gideon Bush | 1,094.56 |
| Isaac Clark | 1,024.00 |
| Oliver Brewster | 787.50 |
| Spencer Clark | 800.80 |
| Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator, Thatcher Conant, deed to the proprietors of township No. 4, 6th range | 130.25 |

To all people to whom these presents shall come, greetings, and know ye that I, Cabel Strong of Northhampton, in the county of Hampshire and commonwealth of Massachusetts,

For and consideration of the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars current money of the commonwealth, aforesaid, to me in hand, paid before the ensealing hereof by Dillingham Clark, Esq., of Washington, Alpheus Streator, yeoman, Thatcher Conant, gentleman, both of Becket county of Berkshire. The receipt hereof, I do hereby acknowledge and myself fully satisfied, content and paid, have given, granted and bargained, sold, alined, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do freely, clearly and absolutely given, granted, bargained, sell, aline, release, convey and confirmed, unto them, the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator, and Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns, forever, twelve thousand, three hundred and three dollars and twenty-three cents, original purchase in township, No. 4, the 6th Range in the land lately owned by Connecticut, lying west of the west line of Pennsylvania, otherwise called The Connecticut Western Reserve.

The whole of said township is supposed to contain fourteen thousand eight hundred and forty-five acres. Being 394 chs., 98 links on N. side; 385 chs., 83 links on the South side; 376 chs., 53 links on the East side; 384 chs., 30 links on West side as was drew for, aparted and set off the said Cabel Strong, Eben. Hunt, Lemuel and Ashael Pomroy, in the following proportions, viz:

To the said Caleb Strong, twelve thousand dollars, to Eben. Hunt, three hundred and three dollars and twenty-three cents, to Lemuel and Ashael Pomroy, six hundred dollars, original purchase and the part proportion of said township, which is hereby conveyed is that part which was set off as aforesaid to the said Caleb Strong and the said Eben. Hunt and is supposed to contain fourteen thousand, one hundred and fifty-five acres. Be the same more or less.

The part set off to the said Caleb Strong as aforesaid was conveyed to him by the trustees, John Caldwell, John Morgan, and Jonathan Brass, by their deed of September 27, 1799, and the part set off to the said Eben. Hunt was conveyed to the said Caleb Strong by the said Eben. Hunt, deed of May 13, 1802. To have and to hold the before granted premises with appurtenances and privileges thereto, belonging to them the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator, Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns, to them and their own proper use, hereof and behoof forever more and I, the said Caleb Strong for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, do convey, promise and grant unto and with the said Dillingham Clark Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns forever, that before and until the ensealing hereof, I am the true, sole, proper, and lawful owner and possessor of the before granted premises, with the appurtenances and have in my good right, full power and lawful authority to give, grant, bargain, sell, aline, release, convey and confirm the same as aforesaid and that free and clear, and freely and clearly executed, acquited and discharged of and from all former and other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, leases, mortgages, with entails, jointures, dowers, thirds, executions, and encumbrances, whatsoever, and furthermore, I, the said Cabel Strong, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and engage the before granted premises with the appurtenances, unto them the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns, forever, to warrant, secure and defend, against the lawful claims and demands of any person or persons, whatsoever, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eighteen Hundred and Eleven, and I, Sarah Strong, wife of said Caleb Strong, in testimony of my relinquishment of dower, have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year aforesaid.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Lewis Strong.

[Seal] CALEB STRONG.
[Seal] SARAH STRONG.
[Seal] ELI CLARK.

Hampshire, Mass., January 24, 1811.

Then personally appeared before me, Caleb Strong, Esq., within named and acknowledged the within instrument to be his free act and deed.

DANIEL WRIGHT, Justice of the Peace.

To all people to whom these presents shall come, greeting; know ye, that we, Lemuel Pomroy, Esq., of Southhampton, and Ashael Pomroy, Esq., of Northampton, both in the county of Hampshire, and commonwealth of Mass., and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars, current money of the commonwealth, aforesaid to us in hand, paid before the ensealing hereof, by Dillingham Clark, Esq., of Washington, Alpheus Streator, yeoman, and Thatcher Conant, gentleman, both of Becket and all in the county of Berkshire, the receipt thereof, we do hereby acknowledge and are fully satisfied, contented and paid, have given, granted, bargained, sold, alined, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do freely, clearly and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, aline, release and confirm unto them, the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator, Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns, forever, six hundred dollars, original purchase in township No. 4, 6th Range in the land lately owned by Connecticut, lying west of the west line of Pennsylvania, otherwise called the Connecticut

Western Reserve, the whole of said township is supposed to contain fourteen thousand, eight hundred and forty-five acres, and was drew for, aparted and set off to Caleb Strong, Esq., Eben. Hunt, Esq., and to Lemuel and Ashael Pomroy, in the following proportions, viz.:

To said Caleb Strong, Esq., twelve thousand dollars, to said Eben. Hunt, three hundred and three dollars, and twenty-three cents, and to said Lemuel and Ashael Pomroy, six hundred dollars, original purchase, and the part and proportions of said township hereby conveyed is that part set off as aforesaid to the said Lemuel and Ashael Pomroy, and is supposed to contain six hundred and ninety acres, be the same more or less.

To have and to hold the before granted premises, with the appurtenances and privileges thereto belonging to them. The said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns to them and their own proper use, benefit and behoof forevermore, and we the said Lemuel and Ashael Pomroy for ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators to covenant, promise and grant unto and with said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns forever, that before and until the ensealing hereof, we are the true, sole, proper and lawful owners and possessors of the before granted premises, with the appurtenances and have in us good right, full power and lawful authority to give, grant, bargain, sell, aline, release, convey and confirm the same aforesaid, and that free and clear and that freely and clearly executed and discharged of and from all former and other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, leases, mortgages, will, entails, jointures, dowers, thirds, executions and encumbrances, whatsoever, and furthermore, we the said Lemuel and Ashael Pomroy for ourselves and heirs executors and administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and engage the before granted premises with the appurtenances unto them, the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant, their heirs and assigns forever to warrant, secure and defend against the lawful claims and demands of any person, or persons, whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1811. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Caleb Strong, Lewis Strong.

[Seal] LEMUEL POMROY.
[Seal] ASHAEL POMROY.

Commonwealth of Mass., Hampshire, Tw'p of Northhampton, Jan. 24th, 1811

There personally appeared Lemuel Pomroy, Esq., Ashael Pomroy, Esq., and severally acknowledged the within instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

Before Solomon Stoddard, Jr., Justice of Peace.

At a meeting of the associates for purchasing township No. 4, in the 6th Range, Connecticut Western Reserve, holden at the house of Deacon Enos Kingsley in Becket, Feb. 6, 1811, to hear the report of the agents appointed to exchange deeds with Caleb Strong and others and to transact any other business for the benefit of the company, Bille Messenger being moderator and Elijah Alford, clerk. The agents having obtained deeds of said township, voted to choose a committee of five to devise and bring forward a plan for dividing said township among the associates and Elijah Alford, Dillingham Clark, Esq., Jeremiah Lyman, Thatcher Conant and Alpheus Streator were chosen for that purpose.

At the adjourned meeting Feb. 14, 1811, the committee appointed to bring forward a plan for dividing the aforesaid township among the associates, reported to the meeting in the following manner, and the meeting voted to accept the same as reported.

The committee appointed to devise and bring forward a plan for dividing township No. 4, in the 6th Range of the Connecticut Western Reserve into rights, or shares among the purchasers of said township; viz:

The South half of lot No. 56 be kept for public use then make thirty-three shares or rights according to the plan hereto annexed. Deed from the agents to the proprietors the land for public use.

Know all men by these presents that we, Dillingham Clark, Esq., of Washington, Alpheus Streator, yeoman, and Thatcher Conant, gentleman, both of Becket and all in the Berkshire Commonwealth of Mass., for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars and twenty-four cents, to us in hand paid before the insealing and delivering hereof by Elijah Alford, Jeremiah Lyman and Bille Messenger, Enos Kingsley, John Seley, Benjamin Higley, Elisha Clark, Isaac Clark, Aaron P. Jagger, Eben. N. Messenger, Benjamin C. Perkins, Nathan Birchard, Gideon Bush, Oliver Brewster, and Spencer Clark, proprietors and owners with us the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator, and Thatcher Conant of a township of land called Township No. 4, in the 6th Range of townships in the Connecticut Western Reserve so called in the state of Ohio, lately purchased by the Honorable Caleb Strong and others to the value of twenty-six thousand and sixteen dollars, the receipt of which sum of one hundred and thirty dollars and twenty-four cents, we do hereby acknowledge in the general payment.

Remise, released, sold and quit claimed and by these presents for ourselves and our heirs do remise, release, sell and forever quit claim unto the said Elijah Alford and all his associates above named and to them and to all that may hereafter associate with him in owning the aforesaid township and their successors, one certain piece of land in said township known by being the south half of lot No. 56, and is divided by a line to be drawn from west to east through the center of said lot. Said south half to be for public use, for said town and maintenance of minister and kept for that purpose only, according to several votes of the proprietors of aforesaid as will appear on their record. Reference being had to the records of the proprietors of the aforesaid township for the original survey of said released premises.

To have and to hold the same for the purpose aforesaid together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to them, the said Elijah Alford and his associates above named and their future associates and successors forever.

In witness whereof, we, the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant, have hereunto set our hand and seals this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Dillingham Clark, seal.

John Conant Alpheus Streator

[SEAL]

George Conant Thatcher Conant

Berkshire Co., March 15, 1811, there personally appeared Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator, and Thatcher Conant, within named and acknowledged the within instrument by them signed and sealed to be their free act and deed before me, George Conant, Justice of the Peace.

Know all men that Abigail Clark, wife of Dillingham Clark, Anna Streator, wife of Alpheus Streator, and Elizabeth Conant, wife of Thatcher Conant, within named in the testimony of our relinquishment of dower in the within conveyed premises, have hereunto set our hands and seal this nineteenth day of March, 1811.

In the presence of George Conant, Harvey Conant.

[Seal] ABIGAIL CLARK

[Seal] ANNA STREATOR

[Seal] ELIZABETH CONANT.

At the adjourned meeting, March 15, 1811, at the house of Nathan Birchard in Becket for the agents to bring forward the deeds to the proprietors and the meeting opened, the deeds brought forward and committed to George Conant,

Esq., and then a receipt given that is signed by the several persons taking deeds and discharging the agents from the force of the bond.

We, the subscribers, hereby certify that we have received each of us a deed of our part of the lands belonging to us in the general purchase, agreed in the foregoing bond, and hereby discharge the said Dillingham Clark, Alpheus Streator and Thatcher Conant from the obligation of said bond on our part.

Becket, March 15, 1811.

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| Jeremiah Lyman | Oliver Brewster | George Conant, Attorney |
| John Seley | Eben. N. Messenger | for Elisha Clark and |
| Aaron P. Jagger | Benj. Higley | S. Clark |
| Benj. C. Perkins | S. Higley | Enos Kingsley |
| Rec'd one deed for Gideon | Nathan Birchard | Elijah Alford |
| Bush | Bille Messenger | Isaac Clark |

At the adjourned meeting, April 17, 1811, at the house of Dr. Oliver Brewster in Becket, voted that Thatcher Conant by proprietors, clerk for said company, to take and to keep the books of record. Voted proprietors' clerk of township No. 4, in the 6th Range of the Connecticut Western Reserve upon the request of five of the proprietors of Proprietors' Township shall direct some person being a Proprietor of said township to warren a meeting of said Proprietors at such time and place as he shall think best and for the purpose or purposes set forth in the request.

BILLE MESSENGER, Moderator.
ELIJAH ALFORD, Clerk.

Strongsburg, Oct. 21, 1811.

The Proprietors of Township No. 4, in the 6th Range of the Connecticut Western Reserve, do request you, Thatcher Conant, Proprietors' clerk, forthwith, to warren a meeting of the Proprietors for the purpose herein named.

First, to choose a moderator for said meeting.

Secondly, to choose a committee to erect corner posts of the lots in Proprietors' township.

Thirdly, to petition the Commissioners to order a committee to lay out roads in said town.

Jeremiah Lyman
Alpheus Streator
Elijah Alford
Eben. N. Messenger
Benj Higley

To Jeremiah Lyman: You are hereby required to warren the Proprietors of No. 4, in the 6th Range, etc., to meet at the house of Jeremiah Lyman on Thursday, the twenty-fourth, inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the articles set forth in above request to me.

Strongsburg, Oct. 23, 1811.

THATCHER CONANT, Proprietors' Clerk.

Agreeable to the within instrument, I have warrened the Proprietors to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within named, October 24, 1811.

JEREMIAH LYMAN.

Strongsburg, Oct. 24, 1811.

The proprietors of township No. 4, in the 6th Range, met at the house of Jeremiah Lyman. The meeting opened and voted as follows:

First chose, Benj. Higley, moderator.

Second chose, Jeremiah Lyman, Elijah Alford, Thatcher Conant as a committee to erect the corner posts in Proprietors' town.

Third, voted to choose a committee of two, to petition commissioners to order a committee to lay out roads in said township. Chose Benj. Higley, Alpheus Streator, committee.

Signed, BENJAMIN HIGLEY, Moderator.

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